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SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. **03V-280** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **August 4, 2003**

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Manufacturer: **Ford Motor Company**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. James P. Vondale, Director, Automotive Safety Office**

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SUBJECT: 448,005 Ford 1999-2001 Explorer, Mercury Mountaineer 4-door, 1999-2000 Explorer 2-door, and 2001 Explorer Sport and Sport Trac sport utility vehicles equipped with speed control and 4.0L SOHC engine manufactured from March 5, 1999 through July 31, 2000. If the strand cover on the speed control cable becomes flared at the end, the speed control cable may bind when the speed control is activated. The throttle return spring force may not be sufficient to overcome the binding condition when the speed control is disengaged. Ford Recall No. 03S03.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin August 29, 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:

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